THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2011 THROUGH 2016 REVIEW OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION RIDER CONTAINED IN THE TARIFFS OF OHIO POWER COMPANY.

CASE NO. 17-30-EL-RDR

ENTRY

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 $\{\P 1\}$ Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio) is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4928.66 requires electric distribution utilities to implement energy efficiency and peak demand reduction (EE/PDR) programs that achieve energy savings and reduce peak demand.

{¶ 4} In Case No. 08-917-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission issued its Opinion and Order regarding an application filed by AEP Ohio to establish an ESP. *In re Columbus Southern Power Co.*, Case No. 08-917-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP 1 Case*), Opinion and Order (Mar. 18, 2009), Entry on Rehearing (July 23, 2009), Second Entry on Rehearing (Nov. 4, 2009). In the *ESP 1 Case*, AEP Ohio was granted authority to establish EE/PDR programs and an EE/PDR rider. In approving subsequent ESPs for AEP Ohio, the Commission has approved the continuation of the EE/PDR rider. *In re Ohio Power Co.*,

Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012), Entry on Rehearing (Jan. 30, 2013); *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015); *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 25, 2018).

{¶ 5} On March 29, 2017, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission selected Larkin & Associates PLLC (Larkin) to perform an audit of AEP Ohio's EE/PDR rider for 2011 through 2016.

{¶ **6**} Larkin filed its audit report on April 13, 2018.

{¶ 7} In order to assist the Commission in its review of AEP Ohio's EE/PDR rider, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) October 12, 2018 Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
- (b) October 19, 2018 Deadline for the filing of initial comments in response to Larkin's audit report.
- (c) November 9, 2018 Deadline for the filing of reply comments.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 7 be adopted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and other interested persons of record in this case and all parties of record in Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al.

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s/Sarah Parrot By: Sarah J. Parrot Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting a procedural in accordance with Paragraph 7 - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio